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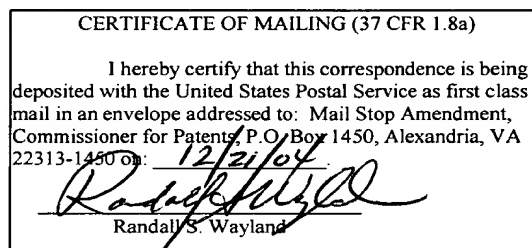
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 13 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.